



Press Release

Helsinki - Espoo, October 2026: Kulttuurikeskus Ninho's beloved **Día de Muertos – Family Day** is growing.

In the year of the 10th anniversary of NINHO, the most loved community encounter expands into **two special Family Days**, bringing the traditions, colors, stories and traditional elements of Día de Muertos to two of Helsinki Metropolitan area's iconic cultural spaces: **EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art on Saturday 31.10.2026** and **Oodi Helsinki Central Library on Sunday 1.11.2026**. Both Family Days will offer a program full of creative and joyful activities for all ages. The Oodi program is free. At EMMA, visitors over 18 years old pay according to [entrance fees](#).

Before the Family Days, on **Thursday 22.10.**, the community will come together at **Kalasataman Vapaakaupungin Olohuone** to prepare traditional decorations for these encounters. All ages are welcome to this free access remembrance encounter.

A tradition of remembrance, community and togetherness

Día de Muertos is a tradition of **remembering and honoring those who have passed away**. Families and communities come together through flowers, colors, stories, music, food and, above all, togetherness. Traditionally celebrated on 1st and 2nd November, the tradition brings together ancestral practices from Mexico and Central America, with

families creating special Altars, or *ofrendas*, to welcome and remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Recognized in Finland as intangible cultural heritage by the Ministry of Education and Culture in 2023, the Mexican Día de Muertos tradition has also been part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage since 2008.

Family Days - Día de Muertos 22.10.

The program begins with a **Community Encounter at Kalasataman Vapaakaupungin Olohuone**, where participants can help create decorations that will later become part of the community celebrations and installations.

Everyone is welcome to take part in creating "**cempasúchil**", the Mexican marigold traditionally associated with Día de Muertos, and other decorations for the ofrendas.

For the first time: Día de Muertos at EMMA 31.10.



Visual image created by Mariana Núñez Sánchez

For the first time, NINHO brings Día de Muertos to Espoo. From 12:30 to 16:30, children and families are invited to explore the tradition through art, craft, face painting, music, and a community closing performance.

EMMA Program

- **12:30 – 15:30 | Make Your Own Day of the Dead Altar** | Arts & Crafts non-stop workshop with Mariana Núñez Sánchez (MX) | +2 years old with a caregiver
- **12:30 – 15:30 | Papel Picado** | Mexican Paper-Cutting non-stop workshop with Paola Hernández (MX) | +2 years old with a caregiver
- **12:30 – 15:30 | Calaveritas** | Non-Stop Face Painting with Alicia Sevilla (MX) & Núria Rovira Martí (ES) | For children of all ages with a caregiver
- **12:30 – 16:30 | Live Audio-Reactive Performance** | Julle Gröhn (MX-FI) | All ages
- **15:30 – 16:30 | Community Closing Event** | live audio-reactive performance by DJ Julle Gröhn (MX-FI) | All ages

Five editions of Día de Muertos at Oodi 1.11.



The celebration continues at Oodi for the fifth edition of NINHO's Día de Muertos Family Day. From 14:00 to 18:00, the program brings together storytelling, visual and participatory art and crafts workshops and community installation, music, and movement.

Oodi Program:

- **14:00 – 16:00 | Loved Stories Multilingual Storytelling** | +4 years old with a caregiver, younger siblings are very welcome
 - **14:00** Swedish by Camilla Cedercreutz-Bäck (FI)
 - **15:00** Finnish by Camilla Cedercreutz-Bäck (FI)
 - **16:00** Spanish by Abraham Cano Alarcon (MX)
- **14:00 – 17:00 | Make Your Own Day of the Dead Altar** | Arts & Crafts Non-Stop Workshop with Mariana Núñez Sánchez (MX) | +2 years old with a caregiver
- **14:00 – 17:00 | Calaveritas** | Face Painting with Alicia Sevilla (MX) & Núria Rovira Martí (ES) | For children of all ages with a caregiver
- **14:00 – 17:00 | Altar for All Souls** | Collaborative Community Art installation | For children of all ages with a caregiver
- **14:00 – 17:00 | Papel Picado** | Interactive Digital Art Installation by Julle Gröhn (MX-FI), Nite Labs Ltd | For all ages
- **17:00 – 18:00 | Remembranza** | Dance and Music performance with Paola Elean (MX), Grisell MacDonel (MX) and Victoria Sofía (MX) | For all ages

The *Loved Stories* multilingual storytelling sessions are held in **Finnish, Swedish and Spanish**, and the workshops in **Spanish, English and Easy Finnish**. **Everyone is welcome, whatever languages they speak!** You don't need to understand the languages used in an activity to take part. We celebrate linguistic diversity and welcome all families and communities.

A celebration built through community

NINHO invites children, families, friends and everyone interested in discovering or sharing the Día de Muertos traditions. Whether it is a tradition you commemorate every year or something you are encountering for the first time, there is a place for everyone.

At the heart of the commemoration is the belief that culture grows through participation: when people come together to create, remember, share stories and experience traditions with one another.

For **more information regarding the event or to arrange interviews with the artists**, please contact: Gitika Kapur, Communications Coordinator- (gitika.kapur@ninho.fi)